

REMARKS

Claims 40 and 44-79 are pending in this application. Claims 70-78 are withdrawn. By this Amendment, claim 40, 45, 57 and 79 are amended to correct minor informalities and for clarity. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 54, 56 and 59-65 are allowable. Applicants believe that the Examiner also meant to include claim 66 as being allowable, because claim 66 is not rejected on other grounds.

Applicants also note that the Examiner has not acknowledged claim 79 presented in the November 2, 2007 Amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of claim 79.

For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully assert that all claims contain allowable subject matter.

I. Objection

The title of the invention was objected to for allegedly not being descriptive. Applicants have amended the title in response to the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 40-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 40 has been amended responsive to the Examiner's comments. Specifically, claim 40 has been amended to recite "said first electrical connection means." Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 40-53, 55, 57, 58 and 67-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Rutter, WO 00/21047. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Rutter fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claim 40. Rutter fails to disclose or suggest "first electrical connection means connectable to one of an external live power cable of a main circuit and a light side of a switch for a lighting circuit for supplying external power to said alarm circuit; second electrical connection means for connection to said light side of said switch for the lighting circuit, wherein said first and second electrical connection means are separate devices, as recited in independent claim 40.

According to Rutter, the bayonet fittings 14, 16 are interconnected by power supply lines 66 which allow a light bulb connected to the fitting 16 to be operated normally from a remote light switch (page 4, lines 11-22; page 7, lines 19-24; and Figs. 1 and 6). Furthermore, female bayonet fitting 16 receives the light bulb (page 4, lines 5-10). Thus, according to Rutter, it is the same connection means that connects bayonet fittings 14 and 16 (including the alarm/light bulb device) together that also connects the fittings to the remote light switch.

Therefore, Rutter fails to disclose or suggest a first and second electrical connection means that are separate devices, as disclosed in the subject matter of independent claim 40. For at least the reasons above, Rutter cannot reasonably be considered to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claim 40. Accordingly, claims 44-53, 55, 57, 58 and 67-69 are also allowable for their dependence on independent claim 40 and for the additional features recited therein. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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